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SUBJECT: FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN REPRESENTATION IN

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ON APRIL 14, WE DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF OPENING A FRANCOPHONE CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENT IN DJIBOUTI WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA CLAUDE HAREL. HE SAID THE THOUGHT HAD OCCURRED TO THE FRENCH BUT THAT GIVEN THE FACT THAT NO FRENCH-SPEAKING MODERATE COUNTRY HAS ANY DIRECT INTEREST IN THE HORN, THEY HAD DONE NOTHING FURTHER. THE FRENCH MADE APPROACHES ON OPENING CONSULATES ONLY TO MODERATE ARABS; NO BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRY HAS RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE FRENCH. HOWEVER, HAREL SAID, IN LIGHT OF OUR THOUGHTS ON THE QUESTION,

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IT DESERVED FURTHER CONSIDERATION. HE PROMISED TO RAISE IT IMMEDIATELY WITH HIS SUPERIORS. HE MENTIONED IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES AND REMARKED THAT IF AN APPROACH WERE TO BE MADE, BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD BE MIFFED IF THE FRENCH WERE NOT THE ONES TO MAKE IT.

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